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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 23, 2007 OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this response to the Office Action of the United States

Patent and Trademark Office mailed on April 23, 2007. A response to the Office Action was due
on July 23, 2007. Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time. Accordingly,
this Response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the
following revisions and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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